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Statement

Introduction

The Millennium Development Goals were a historic and effective method of global mobilization to achieve a set of important social priorities worldwide. They express public concern about poverty, hunger, disease, unmet schooling, gender inequality, and environmental degradation. Some developing countries have made substantial progress towards achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, although the progress is highly variable across goals, countries, and regions.

Why the sustainable development goals?

The idea of the sustainable development goals has quickly gained ground because of the growing urgency of sustainable development for the entire world. Although specific definitions vary, sustainable development embraces the so-called triple bottom line approach to human wellbeing. Almost all the world's societies acknowledge that they aim for a combination of economic development, environmental sustainability, and social inclusion, but the specific objectives differ globally, between and within societies.

What is the importance of the sustainable development goals?

The Millennium Development Goals were targets for poor countries, whereas the sustainable development goals are the interest of the entire planet. In fact, sustainable development goals should give a response to what the entire world should do for the wellbeing of the entire world.

Conclusion

The sustainable development goals can benefit from the success and failure of the Millennium Development Goals. In fact, all the Millennium Development Goals have not been attained till now, even if many progress has been achieved. It is important to learn from the weakness of the Millennium Development Goals to improve the sustainable development goals in many fields.